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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT VS

SUBJ: EVACUATION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET APRIL 2 WITH GVN EMBASSY

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COUNSELOR NGUYEN QUANG MONG. MONG SAID THAT VIETNAMESE

AMBASSADOR TRAN NGOC TAM HAD MET THE SAME MORNING WITH PHAEN WANNAMETHI, UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), CURRENTLY THE SECOND RANKING MAN AT THE MINISTRY. TAM ASKED PHAEN FOR URGENT RTG ASSISTANCE TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL VIETNAM COASTAL ENCLAVES TO REGIONS OF SAFETY FARTHER SOUTH.

2. PHAEN'S REPLY WAS NOT ENCOURAGING. HE SAID THAT THE RTG HAD NEITHER PLANES NOR SHIPS THAT COULD GO SUCH LONG DISTANCES (SIC), BUT THAT THE RTG WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE HUMANITARIAN AID, PRINCIPLY RICE AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

3. MONG DESCRIBED THE RTG ATTITUDE AS DISAPPOINTING, PARTICULARLY SINCE SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND HAD BEEN SUCH CLOSE ALLIES. HE GUESSED THAT THE RTG DID NOT WANT TO END UP ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE POLITICAL FENCE SHOULD NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES PREVAIL IN THE SOUTH.

4. DESPITE THIS RTG RESPONSE, WE WILL FOLLOW UP SHORTLY WITH TOP LEVELS OF MFA STRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER OF TRANSPORTING REFUGEES AND LISTING THE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE OF OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.
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